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HEMINGFORD CELEBRATED NEW YEAR'S

AND THE COUNTY OFFICERS ARRANGE A SURPRISE PARTY.

Raid on Garrison Tailor Shop Results in Capture of Eight Men and Plenty of Hooch.

The state prohibition enforcement agent and State Sheriff Gus Hyers overlooked a big bet when they concentrated their forces on Omaha for New Year's. Hemingford, in Box Butte county, put on a party that, considering the size of the place, was entitled to rank with any celebration in the state. Complaints reached the county officers following a similar celebration Christmas, and preparations were made for a surprise party for the town in the north end of the county. It was a splendid success.

County Attorney Lee Basye made the arrangements. He had search warrants issued for three buildings in Hemingford, a combination livery barn and garage, a building located back of the Lockwood store, and the Bert Garrison cleaning and pressing establishment. The city and county police officers, aided by the Burlington's force of special agents and six deputies, made the trip to Hemingford, arriving about 9 o'clock.

The big force of officers split into three sections and surrounded all three places at once. The results in the case of the first two places mentioned were negligible, although it is understood that an overcoat at the livery stable, containing a quart of moonshine, was discovered. The big excitement came when the raid on the Garrison establishment took place.

When the officers entered, they found the tailor shop filled with a crowd of men, who were engaged in pouring liquor from a keg into bottles, and jugs, by the aid of a funnel, preparatory, so it is understood, to a visit to a dance that was to be held east of Hemingford that evening. The raiding party arrived just in time.

Eight Men Were Arrested.

There were seven men in the tailor shop when the officers entered. Clayton Erskine, it was reported, was engaged in filling a bottle from a pitcher, but had stopped to take a drink out of the pitcher. Two bottles were sticking out of his pockets, and when he saw the officers, he smashed one of them against the wall. The other was saved from destruction by Chief Jeffers. Jim Wilson, a plasterer, had two quarts in his pockets, and these were saved. Christ, a barber, had a couple of gallon jugs, and attempted to get away with them, but was unsuccessful in the attempt.

One of the humorous aspects of the raid concerns the arrest of Lloyd Chapman, a youth who has been in charge of the tailor shop during the absence of the proprietor, Bert Garrison, in Denver. Chapman was not in the building when the officers surrounded it, but arrived and insisted on being admitted. He broke through the line and entered, and was immediately ejected. He then came back and insisted on his rights. "I'm the man who runs this place," he said, and this time he was made welcome. "You're just the fellow we're anxious to meet," the officers told him.

The eight men taken in the raid included, Clayton Erskine, Fred Lehmann, Frank (Sanford) Sailing, Jim Wilson, Jim Potts, Will Ervine, Dave Christ and Lloyd Chapman. Four of the prisoners are youths, from sixteen to twenty-one.

Hemingford Approved Raid.

Reports from Hemingford indicate the general public there is delighted from the success of the raid, although the belief is expressed that the ring-leaders have not yet been apprehended. The hope is that the boys who were arrested will "spill the beans," and there are some of the older heads in the neighboring town who are said to be considerably worried over this prospect. The defense, according to rumors at Hemingford, will be that the men found the keg of liquor, but this story is received with grins in Hemingford.

According to one Hemingford man who came to Alliance to enjoy the fun, the officers should have pulled the raid a week sooner. "If they had come to Hemingford Christmas night," he says, "there wouldn't have been enough seats on No. 42 to bring the prisoners back." The decent element in Hemingford is pretty well worked up over the extent of the hooch manufacturing and sales, and is ready to cheer the Alliance officers on their efforts to clean up the town.

There are a lot of booze yarns in Hemingford these days. One of them concerns a blind car, without lights, numbers or other identifying marks, which makes a trip north from that town several times a week, always leaving at midnight.

The officers got an echo of the fun they were to have on their way into Hemingford, when three cars, going at a stiff rate of speed, and carrying revelers who at least sounded as though they were hooched up, met them a short distance from the town. A raid was also made at Sand Can-

yon, six miles north and a half-mile west of Hemingford, where there is a deserted homestead, but the officers found nothing.

Hearing Not Set.

The rush of business at the court house has been so brisk that as yet no hearing has been set, although it is understood that the men will be given a chance to plead as soon as County Attorney Basye and the officers have an opportunity to examine the prisoners.

Both the city and county jails were filled with prisoners, and as a result the Erskine boy, who is only about sixteen years old, and Will Ervine were allowed to go home on promise that they would report this morning. Both of them were on hand. Dave Christ, barber, was released under \$500 bond, signed by H. C. Drewery and Alex. Oide, to appear Friday.

Bert Garrison, proprietor of the tailor shop, was in Denver at the time of the raid. According to stories from Hemingford, he was sent a telegram which read: "Visitors from Alliance have arrived; come at once." This wife is said to have been sent by George Wilson, fifteen-year-old son of Jim Wilson, one of the prisoners from Hemingford. Whether this fact is not substantiated, but it is known that Garrison was in Hemingford yesterday, and that he stayed but a short time and then left for Scottsbluff and Denver. Alliance officers who visited the Spiller place, where there is a deserted house, yesterday reported that there were evidences that a still had been destroyed. Men from Hemingford are reported to have declared that they saw Garrison on a road leading to that place.

FEW WAR TAXES PASS OUT WITH THE DYING YEAR

CONGRESS LIGHTENS BURDEN OF CONSUMERS A TRIFLE

Puts an End to a Number of Small Annoyances in the Way of Luxury and Stamp Taxes.

There's one blessing that the new year has already brought. Usually we have to wait for them, but this one has been ready for some time and was only awaiting the dawn of the new year to make itself manifest. Changes in federal taxes, voted by congress a month ago, came into full force on the first day of 1922. This is the way they affect Alliance and Box Butte county people:

When you ride on a railroad train or an inland or coastwise steamer, which isn't any more often than you have to, no longer will you have to pay the government 8 per cent of the amount of your fare and 8 per cent of the cost of your seat, berth or stateroom on one of Mr. Pullman's varnished cars.

When you ship freight you will not be stuck for an extra 3 per cent of the cost. Likewise, you can send packages by express or parcel post without having to pay a "war tax."

No longer will you be assessed for a stamp tax on proprietary medicines, a tube of tooth paste, toilet preparations, or hair tonics for internal or external use, when you go to the drug stores.

When nature demands an ice cream soda, a shot of "coke," or some other delectable drink or dish, you won't have to get your pennies ready. For this war tax is no more.

If you want to doll up in a pair of shoes that cost more than \$10, or a shirt that sets you back over \$3, there will be no luxury tax. These and all of the other taxes on clothing, as well as those on umbrellas, parasols, sunshades, picture frames, trunks, valises, pocketbooks, etc., are now happily a thing of the past.

No Saving on the Movie.

If Alliance was a city that possessed a nickelodeon or a dime movie, there would be no tax to be paid. Ten cents or under, however, is the limit, and on all admissions over that amount the same old tax will be collected, at the rate of one cent for each dime of the admission charge.

The income tax, that annual bugbear, is with us yet, although there are a few reductions, just enough to encourage us to keep up with it in the hope that we'll get it paid by this time next year. All heads of families with dependents will get a slight reduction, the extent being \$3 for each dependent, as a result of the increase from \$200 to \$400 in the income tax.

Married men whose net income in 1921 was \$5,000 or less, will get a further reduction in taxes, as the exemption in this class has been increased from \$2,000 to \$2,500. Single men must pay for their privileges as heretofore, however, for the same old limit of \$1,000 applies.

And if you are in the lumpsum, or plutocrat class, and have to pay the surtax rates, you will be assessed in 1922 at the old war rates, but in 1923 you will get the benefit of new and reduced rates, which will lighten the tax burden all along the line with the maximum at 50 per cent on \$200,000 instead of 65 per cent on \$1,000,000 or more. This will affect very few Alliance people, however, unless some of these oil wells begin gushing.

PHONE COMPANY IS ALLOWED TO KEEP SURCHARGE

BUT ORDER EXTENDS ONLY TO JANUARY 27.

Later Hearing to Be Held After Cities Affected Have Been Given Opportunity to Prepare Cases.

The state railway commission issued an order late Saturday evening authorizing the Lincoln Telephone & Telegraph company to continue its present rates indefinitely or until further orders of the commission, and for the Northwestern Bell Telephone company to continue to collect a surcharge of 10 per cent until the application of the latter company for establishment of permanent rates.

The Bell company is required to set aside into a temporary account the full amount of the surcharges between January 1, 1922, and the date of final determination of the case, so that full refund shall be made if conclusions are finally adverse to the applicant.

The commission's opinion in the Bell case, written by Commissioner Browne, says it would be unwise to make at this time a downward revision of rates to be followed shortly by another upward revision. So the present surcharge of 10 per cent is to be collected until a final hearing.

More than a dozen communities protested through chosen representatives to the commission against a continuance of the surcharge. The protesters have appointed a committee to look after the presentation of evidence at the final hearing. That committee will meet the railway commission in the Bell company's building in Omaha January 27 to confer on a plan of procedure. In the meantime the committee of protesters will ask the company for certain facts and figures. The commission will aid the committee in deciding what will be of value in the form of exhibits which the company is to furnish. It is likely the final hearing can be held before the commission early in February.

To File Written Acceptance.

The Bell company is required to file a written acceptance to the terms of the commission's order relative to continuance of the surcharge. By an order issued December 21 by the state commission relative to charges for service and connections the Bell company's revenues will be reduced approximately \$25,000 a year.

The respondents raised so many issues of importance at the recent hearing that the commission desires to go thoroughly into those matters. It says it cannot be said how long the main case will take, as much depends upon the promptness of both the company and of respondents. The commission says it will not allow undue delay for the cause to reach an early determination. The commission reviews both the company's case and the case made by respondents and also the question of extravagance of operation and lack of proper effort to economize in keeping within the conditions of the times, a question which the respondents desired to probe, but which they neither had the time nor evidence to go into. This weakness, the commission says, is to be remedied under the present arrangement. The commission states that it did present an exhibit which showed, in brief, that at exchanges north of the Platte, as compared with exchanges south of the Platte, which it appeared reasonably comparable, there was a very decided difference in expenses of operation. Wage levels at exchanges of this applicant were very considerably higher than those of the large company operating south of the Platte, that the maintenance expenses of the Bell company in September and October of this year were 81.3 cents per station per month while those of its large contemporary within the state were 52.3 cents.

Officers Capture Still and Moonshine Near the Sioux County Line

Sheriff George W. Hill of Sioux county, Deputy Sheriff T. W. Mickelson of Alliance and a special deputy raided the Emmett Johnson farm, twenty-four miles south and west of Hemingford, just over the line in Sioux county, Monday. The farm is tenanted by Jack C. Woods.

The officers found thirty gallons of mash in the house and a fifteen-gallon still, of the washboiler type, with forty feet of coil, buried in the yard. There was a pint of the finished product in the house. Woods was arrested, brought to Alliance last night, and was this morning taken to Harrison by Sheriff Hill for arraignment.

There are four ways to get money: Inherit it, find it, earn it or frisk a mail car.

Not merely are non-skid tires desirable for automobiles, but non-skid brains are necessary for the drivers.

PENSION PLAN PUT INTO EFFECT BY BURLINGTON

PRESIDENT HOLDEN MAKES THE ANNOUNCEMENT.

Employees Sixty-five Years of Age and In Continuous Service for Twenty Years Entitled to Benefits.

Circulars announcing the pension plan of the Burlington railroad have been received in Alliance. President Hale Holden, who makes the announcement, says in his introductory to the rules that "the company hopes that this voluntary establishment of a pension system, which, under certain conditions will assure to employees an income when unable to work, either by age or permanent incapacity, will confirm to them this company's appreciation of faithful services, and its interest in their welfare, thereby increasing their desire to render long service, and in devotion of their best efforts to the company that they will continue that spirit of loyalty and co-operation which has been so well established."

Retirement, while made compulsory at seventy years of age may be avoided when the employee so desires and the pension board rules that the employee may continue in the service.

Persons who voluntarily leave or are out are quoted as follows:

Pension privileges are extended to those who have given their entire time to the service of any line now owned or operated by this company. Pension privileges may be extended to those in joint service with other employers. The amount of such allowances shall be determined by the board of pensions, based upon the rates and length of service provided for in these rules, consideration being given to the proportionate amount paid by this company of the employee's earnings and to the relative service given by him to this company, and the avoidance of duplicate of pension allowances where other employers have pension systems.

The foregoing does not apply to those serving upon a commission or fee basis of compensation, nor to those serving under individual contracts. Persons who voluntarily leave or are discharged from the service, thereby relinquish all benefits of the pension system, except as provided in rule 6.

Temporary Absence Allowed.

Employees shall not be deprived of (Continued on Page 4)

Sheriff J. W. Miller Returns from St. Paul With Two Prisoners

Sheriff J. W. Miller returned from St. Paul, Minn., early Sunday morning, bringing with him Harold Watkins and Pete Schieve, arrested there for the theft of the J. F. Spatman automobile in this city some weeks ago. The two men did not fight extradition. The two men were arraigned before County Judge Tash this morning, pleaded guilty, and were held to trial in district court under \$1,000 bonds. It is understood that they are willing and ready to plead guilty just as soon as County Attorney Basye gets through with the large number of New Year's celebrants who just now are cluttering up the jail and the court docket, the men will be taken to Rushville and sentenced, and allowed to begin serving without further delay.

Alliance Woman's Brother Honored at Salina, Kansas

Word comes from Salina, Kas., that W. A. Layton of that city has been chosen city manager, following one of the most bitter factional fights in the city's political history. Mr. Layton is a brother of Mrs. Ed Bishop of this city. He is a prominent lawyer in Salina and was not at all anxious to accept the appointment, but the pleas of his friends won him over.

The Salina Daily Union of December 30, which gives the details of the appointment, contains a number of comments from various citizens and city officials, all of which are most complimentary to Mr. Layton. Mayor F. S. Dyar speaks in the following terms of the city's new manager: "Mr. Layton has business judgment of the highest order, his honor is above question and the commissioners look to him to unite all factions of Salina behind the city administration."

The Union has the following to say of the appointee: "Mr. Layton is a man of large affairs, successful in his business and has a rare faculty of getting along with people. Mr. Layton never applied for the position of city manager. It was offered to him shortly after the resignation of the retiring city manager, but he declined it. The Daily Union believes that the commissioners' troubles will end when Mr. Layton takes charge next Monday. He is a man big enough for the job and his business experience, coupled with his pleasant manner, will do away with friction and once more Salina can start on its road to progress."

City Manager's Corner (By N. A. KEMMISH)

The wind last Friday did considerable damage to our series street lighting. Our men were only able to get one circuit working on Saturday night. They worked all day Sunday repairing the other circuit so that all the street lights were burning Sunday evening. The wind also wrecked the derrick on No. 2 well at the power plant. It was so completely damaged that we will have to build a new derrick. We were putting up a building in which to store our machinery and had it partly completed when the wind picked it up and destroyed it also.

We have been busy tabulating our bond and warrant obligations and seeing that interest on the bonds is being cared for. We have enough on hand with which to pay the paving, somewhere in the neighborhood of \$22,000. It will be necessary, however, to collect in some \$6,000 more before July 1 with which to meet the interest obligations at that time.

We received \$86,000 of the school bond money from the sale of the bonds. This amount includes the \$6,070 premium paid for the bonds and interest on the \$125,000 which we will receive later in payments as required to build the high school building.

THE WEATHER

Forecast for Nebraska: Probably snow tonight and Wednesday. Colder east and central portions tonight.

ROMIG MAKES A REPORT OF THE PHONE HEARING

ALLIANCE'S FRANCHISE BLOCK-ED COMPANY'S GAME.

Other Cities in the State Extended Same Privilege Granted by Local Franchise.

At the Tuesday noon luncheon of the Alliance chamber of commerce, there was a report by Attorney P. E. Romig, who represented the organization at the hearing on the application of the Northwestern Bell Telephone company for increased rates, which was held before the state railway commission on Wednesday and Thursday of last week. There was a large attendance of interested members of the chamber of commerce, and the discussion showed the unfriendliness toward the company.

A number of suggestions were made by club members as to what should be done to fight the application for higher rates, or the continuance of the present surcharge. J. W. Guthrie suggested that the city council take steps to dissolve the company's franchise, due to the fact that it had not lived up to its agreement by furnishing certain figures and a notice of its application to apply for increased rates. True Miller suggested that a county organization be formed to take over the telephone system, and if the company does not want to sell, it may move out and a new system can be installed. However, after considerable discussion along the above lines, the members decided that the whole matter be placed in the hands of City Manager Kemmish and Attorney Romig.

Mr. Romig reported the action taken at the meeting by the state railway commission. The application requested the discontinuance of the 10 per cent surcharge and an increase in rates amounting to 20 per cent, he said. This would amount to an increase over present revenue, with the surcharge of \$138,000 a year. The company admitted a profit of 4 1/2 per cent on its investment, but claimed that this did not take care of interest on borrowed money. The railway commission did not make a final decision, but held that the surcharge must be paid to the company, but set aside by them and in the event the rates are lowered at the January 27 hearing, must be returned to telephone subscribers.

The railway commission will not hear protests from any of the thirty towns affected, Mr. Romig declared, unless they are able to show figures. If representatives are to be able to show figures, they must begin at once to get them. The Alliance franchise, which requires the company to furnish certain figures, Mr. Romig declared, was the one thing that prevented the company getting its request granted. Mr. Pratt, vice president of the company, has declared that it will cost the company \$3,000 to furnish the figures to Alliance. Attorney Morrison for the company declared that it was not making a dollar in Alliance. At the hearing the company's representatives refused to answer questions concerning the revenue and investment in certain towns, but laid a mass of figures before the commission that required an expert accountant to explain. The commission has ruled, undoubtedly due to the Alliance franchise provisions, that the telephone company must furnish all towns affected by the application with figures necessary to present their case.

FINE OLD RUMOR AGAIN SHOWS UP AT BRIDGEPORT

TALK OF BURLINGTON BUILDING KEARNEY EXTENSION.

A Little Early in the Season, But Welcomed Nevertheless As An Old Friend.

Several months ahead of its schedule, the annual rumor that the Burlington will complete its long projected line from Kearney to Bridgeport and on west has made its appearance. The Bridgeport News-Blade, in a recent issue, printed this prime old favorite, with the usual comments. In fact, the Bridgeport paper makes an even better story of it than usual, for it pieces together a few bits of actual happenings and draws the conclusion that the contract may actually be let.

For years and years this rumor has reappeared every spring and has made hopeful hearts in Bridgeport beat high. The rumor this year doesn't carry with it the promise that large shops will be constructed in the neighboring town, but perhaps these will be explained later.

The News-Blade says:

"Is the Kearney extension of which much has heretofore been said to actually be built within the coming year?"

"If not, what does the hiring of a force of men sufficient to man the equipment necessary for the use of more than sixty head of good horses mean?"

"The News-Blade, like the many readers of this newspaper, does not know; it could risk a perfectly good guess, but it doesn't feel thus inclined; it does not know, however, that the etherial blue is filled chock full of rumors and that from out of this mass of wild guesses and wilder assertions there is much to quicken the pulsation of the heart of those who believe that just as 'there must be a little fire where there is much smoke,' there must also be a motive behind every turn of the railroad company toward new construction work."

"This much is true, it seems. A certain Bridgeport contractor, Fred Bentley, is quietly and yet consistently gathering together a bunch of teams and men to work those teams for some sort of construction work. He has, in fact, started upon some grading near the DeGraw beet dump and although he refuses absolutely to dispense any information, the fact remains he is getting ready to 'hit the ball' for one employer of this sort of labor or another. Rumor has it that he will soon be engaged upon a new grade to the east of Bridgeport. This Mr. Bentley refuses to confirm, but neither does he positively deny the truth of the rumor. Supplementing the above as the foundation for the belief that something important is about to take place, is the fact that just now with the wages asked by unskilled labor lower than in years and other construction costs vastly reduced, it would seem but the part of wisdom for the railroad company to now 'carry on' with 'Jim' Hill's original plan for a short cut to the coast if ever the company intends so to do, and many there are who think they do."

"Bridgeport is certain of a favored step of real import. Today may mark the beginning of that march."

Funeral Services for Mrs. William Morris to be Held Thursday

Mrs. William Morris, aged seventy-three years, and a resident of Alliance for nearly a quarter of a century, died at the home, 714 Cheyenne, at 6 o'clock Monday morning, the cause of death being heart failure. Death came suddenly. Mrs. Morris had been in good health up until a few hours before her death. On Christmas day she was ill for a short time, but it was believed that she was in no danger.

Mrs. Morris had a wide list of acquaintances and friends, and her even temperament and sunny disposition endeared her to those who knew her. She has been gradually failing in health since last March, when the death of a relative came as a heavy blow to her.

Funeral services will be held Thursday morning at 9 o'clock from the Catholic church.

Mrs. Morris leaves a husband, William Morris; four daughters, Ruth, at home; Mrs. John Wiker and Mrs. A. J. Nelson of Alliance, and Mrs. A. E. Swanson of Duluth, Minn.; and three sons, Tom of Alliance, John of Chadron and D. H. Morris of Lead, S. D. All of the children will be present for the funeral services. Mrs. Swanson and daughter, Elizabeth, will arrive tomorrow morning, and Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Morris are expected today.

Mrs. Cora Lewis, local registrar, reports that in the year 1921 there were 209 births registered, 185 of which were children of Box Butte county parents. There were 96 deaths in the county during the year, and 79 were Box Butte county residents.